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C O N F I D E N T I A L KATHMANDU 2401

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PEPR, NP, US, CH
SUBJECT: BACKGROUND MATERIAL FOR KING

1. PRO-SOVIET ORIENTATION OF NEW AFGHAN GOVERNMENT
WILL UNDOUBTEDLY BE OF CONCERN TO CHINESE, WHO MAY
WELL INTERPRET THIS AS FURTHER EROSION OF U.S.
POSITION IN SOUTH ASIA (AS WELL AS OF THEIRS) AND PROVIDE
ADDITIONAL AMMUNITION TO THE CHARGES CHINESE MADE TO
NEPALESE IN FEBRUARY THAT U.S. WAS NOT ADEQUATELY
RESOLUTE IN ITS DEALINGS WITH SOVIET UNION AROUND THE
WORLD, AND WAS INTERNALLY WEAK, WITH NO GUARANTEE THAT
IT WOULD NOT RETREAT IN THE FACE OF DIFFICULTY
(KATHMANDU 0746, 0818, 1767).

2. SEEMS LIKELY THEREFORE THAT IN VIEW OF DEVELOP-
MENTS IN AFGHANSTAN, THE KING WILL HEAR MORE OF THE
SAME WHEN HE VISITS PEKING MAY 14-15. AS IT IS IN OUR
INTERESTS TO MAKE SURE KING IS EQUIPPED, BELIEVE IT
HIGHLY DESIRABLE THAT WE PROVIDE KING WITH APPROPRIATE
BACKGROUND BRIEFING MATERIAL. PURPOSE OF THESE
MATERIALS HIS NOT RPT NOT TO USE KING AS VEHICLE
FOR ANY MESSAGE WE MIGHT HAVE FOR CHINESE, BUT
RATHER TO PROVIDE KING WITH INFORMATION AND
ANALYSES WHICH WILL GIVE HIM BENEFIT OF OUR
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VIEWS AND BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF DEVELOPING
SITUATION IN SOUTH ASIA AS WE SEE IT AND THUS
PUT ALLEGATIONS ABOUT U.S. POLICY AS THAT CHINESE

WILL UNDOUBTEDLY MAKE TO HIM IN MORE RATIONAL
PERSPECTIVE.

3. KING IS COMING TO PRIVATE DINNER AT AMBASSADOR'S
RESIDENCE MAY 11, AND THIS PROVIDES EXCELLENT
OCCASION FOR INFORMAL DISCUSSION. KING IS NOT VERY
WELL SERVED BY HIS OWN GOVERNMENT ON SUCH MATTERS,
AND WE HAVE OPPORTUNITY TO HELP AND PREPARE HIM FOR
PEKING TRIP WHICH SHOULD NOT BE MISSED.

4. REQUEST MATERIAL BY AT LATEST OPENING OF BUSINESS HERE
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